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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

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Subject: **MINUTES OF 4th DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (D.D.S.C.) MEETING 2023-24 OF FOREST, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES SECTORS.**
(List of Participants attached)

The 4th DDSC meeting of FY 2023-24, FW&F Department, was held on 22.09.2023 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department in his office chamber at 108 Ravi Road Lahore. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. The Additional Secretary (Technical) FW&F Department gave an introductory briefing on the following 05 ongoing development schemes included in ADP 2023-24 pertaining to Forest, Wildlife & Fisheries Sectors. Agenda-wise PC-I Schemes were discussed in detail given as under and accordingly decisions were taken;

FOREST SECTOR.

1. **STRENGTHENING OF PME WING**

The basic information/overview of the project is given as under:

Forest Sector		
1	Name of Project	**STRENGTHENING OF PME WING (ADP GS. No. 4432)**
2	Location	All Punjab
3	Implementation Period	36 Months (2021-22 to 2023-24)
4	PC-I Cost	Original Cost: Rs.267.000 Million 1st Revised: Rs.307.000 million Proposed Cost: Rs.343.012 million
5	ADP Provision 2023-24 & requirement	Budgeted allocation Rs.145.152 million, Actual required Rs.278.993 million

Component Wise Comparison of Approved & Proposed: -

Appendix No.	Items	2023-24	Total
IV	Store Tools & Machinery	88.14	127.039
IV (A)	Civil Works (Appendix-IV-A)	55.25	59.583
IV (B)	Cost of POL TA & Rep of Vehicle	73.97	73.97
IV (C)	Work of PITB	57.55	52.104
IV (D)	Consultancy	1.50	1.500

V	Administration	24.10	19.885
VI	Contingencies / Commodities & Services	6.48	8.585
Total		**307.00**	**343.012**

Reason of Revision: -

1. The Punjab Forest Department & PITB are the joint implementing agencies. A case was moved to the Finance Department for the transfer of funds at the spending level of PITB. The funds of Rs.37.651 million couldn't be placed at the spending level of PITB by the Finance Department during FY 2022-23. The same amount has been included in the current financial year 2023-24 to achieve the approved targets.
2. The Civil work estimates are revised as per 2nd bi-annual MRS 2023-24.
3. Increase in price of vehicles & other items to be procured. 6 No's pickups & one car are to be procured during CFY 2023-24.
4. The scope of civil work was reduced due to limited fiscal space.
5. Salaries are added as per revised pay scales for the FY 2023-24.

Deliberations: -

The scheme was deliberated in detail. The Deputy Secretary (F&A) enquired about why major change/enhancement is in store, tools & machinery. It was apprised by the CCF PME that the scope is the same but the proposed allocation is increased from Rs.88.14 million to Rs.127.039 million due to an increase in the price of vehicles. Chief Forest/L&DD remarked that consultancy charges might be deleted & TPV be done from DG M&E P&D Board. The Chair agreed with the proposal. The Deputy Secretary (F&A) Finance Department desired to exclude the repair of vehicles. It was accepted with the condition by retaining already utilized funds. The proponent would only add the utilized amount & the balance requirement must be met from the non-development budget. It was desired by the Deputy Secretary (F&A) Finance Department that the proposed allotment of vehicles be made part of PC-1. Chief Forest/L&DD P&D Board desired to vet estimates of civil components before execution from Technical Section of P&D Board.

Decision: -

After detailed deliberation, the scheme was approved subject to adherence to the following decisions:

1. Annotated reply to the observations conveyed by the P&D Board be made part of the scheme.
2. Carry out consultancy from DG (M&E) and the amount of consultancy to the tune of Rs.1.5 million be deleted from the PC-I scheme.
3. Repairing of vehicle charges be deleted/reduced from the PC-I scheme & only those amounts would be retained which have already been utilized.
4. Signed quotation be made part of the scheme.
5. Execution of civil components is subject to clearance of estimates of civil works from the Technical Section of the P&D Board.

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6. Contingencies should be within 2%.
7. Work done and work to be done be made part of the scheme.
8. Item-wise comparison of approved and revised be made part of the scheme.
9. Certified expenditure statements of previous years be made part of the scheme.
10. Reason for revision/justification be made part of PC-I Scheme.
11. Final responsibility of rates, quality & quantity should rest with the authority competent to accord technical sanction, and the executing agency should make payment to the firm/concerned agency through valid traceable channel.
12. The Officer responsible as per Delegation of Financial Powers Rules should grant technical sanction as a whole without bifurcating.
13. Proposed allotment of vehicles be made part of PC-1.
14. Measurable achievements be made part of PC-1.
15. Final cost of the project would be cleared after receiving amended PC-I in the light of DDSC meeting.

2. RESTORATION OF FOREST LANDSCAPE ECOSYSTEM THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (PPP MODE)

After detailed deliberations, the scheme was **Deferred** & it was desired that CCF Southern Zone would devise a "Statement of Conditions" (SoC's) for temporary lease of forest land & vet it from the Board of Revenue before its implementation to secure precious forest land and to avoid litigation in this regard.

3. REHABILITATION OF SITE-B OF CHASHMA FISHERIES COMPLEX TO ENHANCE FISH SEED REARING CAPACITY"

After detailed deliberations, the scheme was **Deferred** due to the following reasons;

1. Scheme was proposed for revision with major changes after 3rd year during 3rd revision which is not justified.
2. Enhancement of project cost from Rs.100 million to Rs.176 million (76%).
3. New scope added which is not justified at this stage.
4. Proponent would explain why major changes are required to be added during 3rd year. What would be the fate of utilized amount. Fix proportionate respomsibility.
5. Call explanation of the quarter concerned who conceived the defective project & submit to this department with recommendations of DG Fisheries.

4. GENETIC IMPROVEMENT OF CULTURE-ABLE FISH SPECIES IN PUNJAB (ADP G. SR. NO.4275)

Forest Sector		
1	Name of Project	Genetic Improvement of Culture-Able Fish Species in Punjab (ADP GS. No.4275)
2	Location	Mianwali
3	Implementation Period	Original: 36 months (2019-20 to 2021-22) 1st Revised: 48 months (2019-20 to 2022-23) 2nd Proposed Revision: 60 months (2019-20 to 2023-24)
4	PC-I Cost	Original: Rs.97.882 Million 1st Revised: Rs.109.989 Million

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		2nd Proposed Revision: Rs.129.779 Million
5	Expenditure	Rs.84.472 million
5	ADP Provision 2023-24 & requirement	Rs.26.777 Million Rs.45.307 Million

Reason of Revision: -

1. The funds for civil works amounting to Rs.23.669 million were allocated during the year 2022-23 but due to the creation of Gujrat division, Wazirabad district, and ban by Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) the said works could not awarded and funds were diverted to the fast-moving schemes to avoid any lapse.
2. The gestation period of the scheme has been enhanced for one year (2019-20 to 2023-24) to complete the remaining civil works and achievements of objectives thereof.
3. Revision of the PC-I is crucial for the financial re-phasing of Rs.45.307 for the year 2023-24 to complete the remaining civil works.
4. Moreover, the funds amounting to Rs. 26.777 million have been allocated in MTDF 2023-24 and the remaining funds Rs.18.530 million will be managed from development schemes i.e., ADP G. Sr.No.4276 & 4282.
5. In the light of above-mentioned facts, the project needs its revision with the extension of a year gestation period and enhanced cost from Rs.109.989 million to Rs.129.779 million to complete the remaining civil works of the scheme and achievement of objectives.

Deliberations: -

The scheme was deliberated in detail. The Deputy Secretary (F&A) enquired about the source of additional funding. The DG Fisheries remarked that additional funding will be met from the savings of other schemes. Chief Forest/L&DD added that the scheme should be completed in its original scope. Additional Secretary (Technical) objected to lumsump price variation amounting to Rs.3.074 million. It should be against intervention with justified reason. It was desired that external charges be rationalized & notification of external development should be part of PC-1. Chief Forest/L&DD desired to delete 1% horticulture charges. It was further observed that major enhancement of cost i.e., Rs.4.731 million to Rs.8.343 million in the activity given as "Providing, laying, cutting, jointing, testing and disinfecting high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE-100) working pressure pipe in trenches complete in all respect PN-16 (SDR-11) 6" (160 mm) (4500Rft) / Added spigot tee, spigot elbow. Reducer. Sheet collarstub end flange etc". Such enhancement in one activity is not justified, needs to be rationalized & prefers to complete it with its original scope. The Additional Secretary (Technical) enquired that since this is a research project what are the results up till now. It was further desired that annual report might be generated & shared with Administrative Department. It was further desired that up till the report must be made part of PC-1.

Decision: -

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After detailed deliberation, the scheme was approved subject to adherence to the following decisions:

1. Lumsump price variation amounting to Rs.3.074 million be explained & linked it with activities. The complete justification be made part of PC-1.
2. External charges be rationalized & notification of external development should be part of PC-1.
3. Annual Research Report would be generated & shared with the Administrative Department.
4. Major enhancement in cost from Rs.4.751 million to Rs.8.343 million be justified.
5. Complete scheme with its original scope.
6. Department would bear additional funding from intera-sectoral adjustment.
7. 1% horticulture charges may be deleted.
8. Annotated reply to the observations conveyed by the P&D Board be made part of the scheme.
9. Signed quotation be made part of the scheme.
10. Execution of civil components is subject to clearance of estimates of civil works from the Technical Section of the P&D Board.
11. Contingencies should be within 2%.
12. Work done and work to be done be made part of the scheme.
13. Item-wise comparison of approved and revised be made part of the scheme.
14. Certified expenditure statements of previous years be made part of the scheme.
15. Reason for revision/justification be made part of PC-I Scheme.
16. Final responsibility of rates, quality & quantity should rest with the authority competent to accord technical sanction, and the executing agency should make payment to the firm/concerned agency through a valid traceable channel.
17. The Officer responsible as per Delegation of Financial Powers Rules should grant technical sanction as a whole without bifurcating it.
18. Measurable achievements be made part of PC-1.
19. Final cost of the project would be cleared after receiving amended PC-I in the light of DDSC meeting

5. CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL AROUND SAFARI ZOO, RAIWIND ROAD, LAHORE

Forest Sector		
1	Name of Project	Construction of Boundary Wall around Safari Zoo, Raiwind Road, Lahore
2	Location	Lahore
3	Implementation Period	Original: 24 months (2021-22 to 2022-23) 1st Revised: 48 months (2021-22 to 2023-24)
4	PC-I Cost	Original: Rs.68.907 million 1st Revised: Rs.135.297 million
5	ADP Provision 2023-24 & requirement	Rs.45.00 million Rs.76.390 million

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Scope of Work

1. Construction of Boundary Wall around Safari Zoo.
2. Original Scheme approved by DDSC at a cost of Rs. 68.907m, with scope to construct 10010Rft of boundary wall.
3. The revision is proposed due to price variation and to ensure construction of complete boundary wall (13500Rft) around Safari Zoo, Lahore by including missing portion which was not earlier tackled due to limited fiscal space at time of 1st approval.

Reason of Revision: -

1. The remaining section (about 3500Rft) of the boundary fence is one of the most vulnerable security points of the Safari Zoo due to significant threat of trespassing. The subject portion couldn't be included at time of approval of PC-1 due to limited fiscal space.
2. The Chief Minister priority scheme titled "Implementation of Master Plan of Safari Zoo" has been approved by the PDWP and is in the process of execution. The construction of the boundary wall is crucial for the execution of this scheme.
3. If the construction of the remaining portion of the boundary wall is proposed through a new scheme, government loss is feared due to rate escalation / changing MRS rates.

Deliberations: -

The Chief Forest/L&DD objected over enhanced scope. The Director General W&P explained that actual requirement is 13500 Rft but scope was reduced due to limited fiscal scope at the time of 1st approval. Now, funds are available & the execution of master plan is also linked with the completion of boundary wall. He requested to allow additional scope being inevitable at this stage. The Deputy Secretary (F&A) Finance Department added that the department would meet additional funds from intera-sectoral adjustment. The DG W&P remarked that additional funding would be meet from intera-sectoral adjustment.

Decision: -

After detailed deliberation, the scheme was approved subject to adherence to the following decisions:

1. Department would bear additional funding from intera-sectoral adjustment.
2. Annotated reply to the observations conveyed by the P&D Board be made part of the scheme.
3. Execution of civil components is subject to clearance of estimates of civil works from the Technical Section of the P&D Board.
4. Contingencies should be within 2%.
5. Work done and work to be done be made part of the scheme.
6. Item-wise comparison of approved and revised be made part of the scheme.

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7. Certified expenditure statements of previous years be made part of the scheme.
8. Reason for revision/justification be made part of PC-I Scheme.
9. Final responsibility of rates, quality & quantity should rest with the authority competent to accord technical sanction, and the executing agency should make payment to the firm/concerned agency through a valid traceable channel.
10. The Officer responsible as per Delegation of Financial Powers Rules should grant technical sanction as a whole without bifurcating it.
11. Cost estimates will be got vetted by the Technical Section of P&DB before execution of the project.
12. Final cost clearance will be issued after vetting of cost estimates by P&DB.

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Copy is forwarded for information and further necessary action to the following: -

1. The Secretary Govt. of Punjab, P&D Board Lahore.
2. The Secretary Govt. of Punjab, Finance Department Lahore.
3. The Secretary Govt. of Punjab Environment Department Lahore.
4. The Secretary Govt. of Punjab C&W Department Lahore, with the request that Buildings Department will not surrender A.D.P. Funds without Approval from Administrative Department.
5. The Deputy Secretary (F&A), Govt. of Punjab, Finance Department.
6. The Assistant Chief (L&DD/FW&F) Govt. of Punjab, P&D Board, Lahore.
7. All Chief Conservator of Forests in Punjab.
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9. The Director (B&A) Forest, 24- Cooper Road, Lahore.

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SECTION OFFICER (D-I)

CC: PS to Secretary, FW&F Department.